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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Fujiwara, et al.

Serial No.: 09/689,817

Group Art Unit: 1745

Filed: October 13, 2000

Examiner: Tsang Foster, Susy N.

For: MOLDED ELECTRODE, METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF,
AND SECONDARY BATTERY USING THEREOF

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002, please consider the following:

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (e.g., drawn to a secondary battery using a molded electrode with polymer active material as defined by claims 1-10 and 17-19), without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

Further, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's acknowledgment of the priority document filed on October 13, 2000.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean McGinn", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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